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Corps brings new Soldier Family Assistance Center to Fort Stewart

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – A new Soldier Family Assistance Center (SFAC) will open its doors June 22 at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The 15,000 square-foot facility, built by the <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District</u>, will provide a one-stop location of support for Warriors in Transition (WT) and their families. The SFAC will be staffed with personnel who will provide guidance, assistance, and information on finances, child care, family advocacy, military personnel issues, logistics, legal assistance, and a variety of other support services to help speed the recovery of WT and help their families.

"Previously, these support activities were scattered throughout the installation," said Corps Project Manager Steven Hill. "Having everything in a central location is more convenient for wounded Soldiers whose only focus should be to heal and rehabilitate."

The \$5.4 million contract was awarded to Alutiiq International Solutions, LL of Huntsville, Ala. in September 2008.

"This is the first component of the WT Complex," said Hill. "The Corps plans to award a contract this year for the remaining components of the WT complex at Fort Stewart."

Like all Army construction, the WT barracks will satisfy Silver rating criteria established by the <u>Leadership in Energy</u> and <u>Environmental Design (LEED)</u> rating system, in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council standards.

The ribbon cutting ceremony marking the official grand opening of the SFAC will be held at the new SFAC on June 22.